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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: DISCUSSIONS WITH WORKER AND
EMPLOYER DELEGATES

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1. IN MEETING WITH CONGEN CALCUTTA OFFICER, WORKER DELEGATE KANTI METHA SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, HE HAS NOT UP TILL NOW BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON ILC MATTERS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT COMMENT ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS. HE DID HAVE SOME GENERAL COMMENTS ON ILC WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST.

2. MEHTA THOUGH IT DOUBTFUL THAT RESULTS OF GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE REFLECTED IN ILC BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP. IF US WERE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT ISSUES BE CONSIDERED AS TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL ONES. HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE PAST THE US HAD OFTEN MADE MATTERS WORSE FOR I SELF BY GIVING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO ISSUES THAT WOULD HAVE PASSED UNNOTICED, IF IT HAD NOT

DE A FUSS. HE EXPECTED THAT THE INDIAN DELEGATION AS A WHOLE WOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE ON THESE ISSUES, AND WOULD
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TEND TO VOTE ON THE MERITS OF EACH RATHER THAN ALL ON ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER. HE HOPED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD TRY TO SMOOTH THINGS OUT AND SAID INDIA "WAS NOT INTERESTED IN A CONFRONTATION".

3. MEHTA THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR THE US TO THREATEN TO LEAVE THE ILO, IF OUR PROPOSALS WERE NOT ACCEPTED. THIS

JUST TENDED TO CREATE UNNECESSARY PROBLEMS AND MIGHT AROUSE MORE OPPOSITION. HE HOPED IN ANY CASE THAT WE WOULD STAY IN THE ORGANIZATION. IF WE LEFT, WE JUST ABANDONED THE FIELD TO THOSE WITH WHOM WE DISAGREED. HE COMMENTED IN THIS REGARD THAT HE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN A MISTAKE FOR THE AFL-CIO TO LEAVE THE ICFTU.

4. CONGEN MADRAS OFFICERS DISCUSSED THE ILC WITH EMPLOYER DELEGATE K.V. SREENIVASAN WHO ALREADY HAD AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES AND WAS VERY RECEPTIVE TO THEIR PRESENTATION. HE WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT RE WOULD SUPPORT THE US POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE.
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